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DESPITE THE SINO-SOVIET ROW OVER THE RECENT EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIETS FROM PEKING FOR ALLEGED ESPIONAGE, THE TWO SIDES ARE BEGINNING THEIR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEKING ON SCHEDULE BUT WITHOUT FANFARE. THE FIRST CHINESE FLIGHT WILL LAND IN MOSCOW TODAY AND THE SOVIETS WILL OPERATE A NON-STOP FLIGHT TO PEKING ON FEBRUARY 3. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON JULY 16 AND SINCE THAT TIME THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN CLEARING UP SUCH TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AS USE OF FLIGHT CORRIDORS AND GROUND STATION SERVICE. THE INAUGURATION OF THESE FLIGHTS STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT NEITHER SIDE IS WILLING--AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT--

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